

Torrance, California  
July 22, 1958

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, July 22, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Russell Lund led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Norman Schnaible of the First Lutheran Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the July 15, 1958, meeting of the Council as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Mayor Isen protested, and Councilman Beasley agreed with the protest.

Mayor Isen commented that the recording and speaking system used in the Council Chamber had not been working during that meeting and that the person who prepared the minutes was unaccustomed to Council procedure.

Mayor Isen asked for the following correction: On Page 2, under Written Communications, Item 2, City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 994

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 16.57 AND 16.58 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF HANDBILLS, RELIGIOUS LITERATURE AND DRUGS AND MEDICINES, AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECTS AND ADDING A NEW SECTION TO SAID CODE ESTABLISHING LICENSE FEES FOR DISTRIBUTING HANDBILLS.

and further reading of this Ordinance had been dispensed with.

In response to a question, Deputy City Clerk Whitacre said he had reported to the Council that the proposed Ordinance would: 1: set fees for local merchants; and 2: provide for the manner in which the handbills are to be distributed. He requested that all the rest of Paragraph 3 on Page 3 be struck from the record, and it was so ordered.

Mayor Isen ordered the last line on Page 3 be struck from the record, with the word 'job' to be struck from the top of Page 4, and Deputy City Clerk Whitacre requested the following correction: "Mr. Jahn, with the cooperation we receive from the Police Department, we can do as good an enforcement job as we have the manpower to do."

Councilman Drale's motion shown in the 4th line from the bottom of Page 4 was corrected to read: Councilman Drale moved that after the correct number had been given in each instance and the title read, further reading of all Resolutions and Ordinances presented at this meeting be waived.

After being seconded by Councilman Jahn, this motion was ordered carried.

Mayor Isen ordered that all unanimous roll call votes show that a Councilman was absent from the meeting.

Councilman Jahn withdrew his motion for approval of the Minutes, and Councilman Drale withdrew his second to the motion.

Mayor Isen said a statement from Wooley & Wooley had been on the agenda, and payment had been ordered. The record was ordered corrected to show this.

Concerning Planning Matters, Mayor Isen reported that Case 519 had been withdrawn from the Agenda, and the Variance had not been approved as shown. This correction was ordered.

Mayor Isen ordered the corrections indicated be made, and that the Minutes of July 15 be held until July 29 for further study before approval.

Mayor Isen reported that Paragraph 8 on Page 11 of the July 15 Minutes should be corrected to show that he had said he would nominate two people to fill vacancies on the Airport Commission tonight, with the names and addresses as shown in those Minutes having been given.

#### BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the opening of: Bids on Liability Insurance for Torrance Municipal Bus Lines.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice to Bidders.

Councilman Jahn moved this be received and filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

City Manager Stevens opened and read the following bids, replying to a question by saying that the new system of opening the bids before meetings and reporting the results to the Council would go into effect in August.

#### BIDDER:

LUND CO.,                      This Company submitted the two following bids,  
2367 Torrance Blvd.,      the only bids received.  
Torrance, California.

#### FIRST ALTERNATE BIDS:

American Fidelity & Casualty Co., (Markel Service, Inc.)

Bus Line Insurance quotation:

Guaranteed Cost Insurance:

Rate per \$100 of Gross Receipts	\$ 7.358
Advance Deposit Premium	\$3,208.50

Minimum-Maximum Plan or

Retrospective Rating Plan:

Rates based on \$100 of Gross Receipts will be:

Standard Rate - Pay In	\$ 6.338.00
Minimum Rate	3.218
Maximum Rate	9.448
Advance Deposit Premium	\$3,208.50

Transit Casualty Co.

Bus Line Insurance quotation:

Guaranteed Cost Insurance:

Rate per \$100 of Gross Receipts	\$ 5.70
Advance Deposit Premium	\$2,000.00

Minimum-Maximum Plan or

Retrospective Rating Plan:

Rates based on \$100 of Gross Receipts will be:

Standard Rate - Pay In	\$ 5.00
Minimum Rate	4.00
Maximum Rate	5.75
Advance Deposit Premium	\$2,000.00

SECOND ALTERNATE BIDS WERE RECEIVED IN BOTH CASES, AS FOLLOWS:

American Fidelity & Casualty Co.,Guaranteed Cost Insurance:

Rate per \$100 of Gross Receipts	\$ 7.935
Advance Deposit Premium	\$3,417.00

Minimum-Maximum Plan or  
Retrospective Rating Plan:

Rates based on \$100 of Gross Receipts will be:	
Standard Rate - Pay In	\$ 6.915
Minimum Rate	3.795
Maximum Rate	10.025
Advance Deposit Premium	\$3,417.00

Transit Casualty Co.Guaranteed Cost Insurance:

Rate per \$100 of Gross Receipts	\$ 5.95
Advance Deposit Premium	\$2,000.00

Minimum-Maximum Plan or  
Retrospective Rating Plan:

Rates based on \$100 of Gross Receipts will be:	
Standard Rate - Pay In	\$ 5.00
Minimum Rate	\$ 4.25
Maximum Rate	\$ 6.25
Advance Deposit Premium	\$2,000.00

The City Manager explained the insurance plans being bid on in some detail, saying the bid forms had been sent to all local insurance brokers and had been advertised.

In response to a question, the City Manager said he could have a recommendation on this insurance ready later in the meeting.

There were no objections, and these bids were referred to the City Manager for a recommendation later in the evening.

2. Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for:  
Opening of Bids on Asphaltic Materials for the Fiscal Year 1958-59.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice to Contractors.

Councilman Jahn moved this be received and filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

City Manager Stevens opened and Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read the bids summarized here:

BIDDER & BOND:ITEM BID:UNIT PRICE:

Contractors Asphalt Sales Co.  
 P. O. Box 73, Redondo Beach Calif.  
 Bidders' Bond of 10% of Amt. bid.

PLANT MIX - Approx. 20,000 tons,  
 120-150 Penetration.

100 to 300 tons	\$6.50
301 to 600 tons	\$6.25
601 to 1000 tons	\$6.00

COLD MIX PATCHING MATERIAL -

Approx. 1200 tons -	
8 ton minimum, delivered	\$5.70
Picked up at suppliers plant	
as needed	\$5.10

BIDDER & BOND:ITEM BID:UNIT PRICE:

Vernon Paving Co.

3200 E. Vernon Ave., Los Angeles 58, Calif.

Bidders' Bond of 10% of amount bid

PLANT MIX - Approx. 20,000 tons,  
120-150 Penetration.  
100 to 300 tons \$8.24  
301 to 600 tons 6.43  
601 to 1000 tons 5.81

COLD MIX PATCHING MATERIAL -  
Approx. 1200 tons -  
8 ton minimum, delivered \$5.25  
Picked up at suppliers plant  
as needed \$4.35

Oswald Brothers Co.

366 E. 58th St., Los Angeles 11, California

Bidders' Bond of 10% of amount bid

PLANT MIX - Approx. 20,000 tons,  
120-150 Penetration  
100 to 300 tons \$7.11  
301 to 600 tons 5.88  
601 to 1000 tons 5.88

COLD MIX PATCHING MATERIAL -  
Approx. 1200 tons -  
8 ton Minimum, delivered \$5.75  
Picked up at suppliers plant  
as needed \$5.10

Warren Southwest, Inc.,

P. O. Box 419, Torrance, Calif.

Bidders' Bond of 10% of amount bid

PLANT MIX - Approx. 20,000 tons,  
120-150 Penetration  
100 to 300 tons \$5.79  
301 to 600 tons \$5.79  
601 to 1000 tons \$5.79

COLD MIX PATCHING MATERIAL -  
Approx. 1200 tons -  
8 ton minimum - delivered \$5.34  
Picked up at suppliers plant  
as needed \$4.79

Norwalk Asphaltic Concrete, Inc.,

12438 Bloomfield Ave., Norwalk, Calif.

Bidders' Bond of 10% of amount bid

PLANT MIX - Approx. 20,000 tons,  
120-150 Penetration  
100 to 300 tons \$5.80  
301 to 600 tons \$5.80  
601 to 1000 tons \$5.80

COLD MIX PATCHING MATERIAL -  
Approx. 1200 tons -  
8 ton minimum, delivered \$5.25  
Picked up at suppliers plant  
as needed \$4.00

Councilman Jahn moved to refer all these bids to the City Manager for study and recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.



The City Attorney reported the bonds were in order as presented.

3. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for opening:  
Bids on Crushed Rock and Screenings and Base Material.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice to Contractors.

There were no objections, and this was ordered accepted and filed.

City Manager Stevens opened, and Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read, bids as summarized here:

BIDDER & BOND:	Approx. Qty. & Item	Unit Price	Del'd., & Stockpiled Spread on Road At City Yard
	<u>CRUSHED ROCK &amp; SCREENINGS</u> - Approx. 10,000 tons		
Owl Rock Prods. Co.	5500 tons Large #3 crushed		
P. O. Box 558	rock & screenings	\$2.60	\$2.60
Monrovia, Calif.	2000 tons Small #3 crushed		
Bond of 10% of amount bid	rock & screenings	\$2.60	\$2.60
	2500 tons #5 Crushed rock		
	& screenings	\$2.95	\$2.95
	<u>CRUSHER RUN BASE</u> -		
	Approx. 12,000 tons		
	Delivered and spread on road	\$2.50	
	Placed in Stockpile at City		
	Yard	\$2.50	
	<u>UNTREATED ROCK BASE</u> -		
	Approx. 8,000 tons		
	Delivered & spread		
	on road	\$2.41	
	Placed on stockpile		
	at City Yard	\$2.41	
	<u>CRUSHED ROCK &amp; SCREENINGS</u> - APPROX. 10,000 tons.		
A-1 Contractors, Inc.	5500 tons, Large #3 crshed.		
2935 Sawpit Rd.,	rock & screenings	\$2.60	2.60
Monrovia, Calif.			
Bond of 10% of amount bid	2,000 tons, Small #3 crushd.		
	rock & screenings	\$2.60	2.60
	2500 tons, #5 crshd. rock		
	& screenings	\$2.95	2.95
	<u>CRUSHER RUN BASE</u> - Approx. 12,000 tons		
	Delivered & spread on road	\$2.50	
	Placed in Stockpile at City		
	yard	\$2.50	
	<u>UNTREATED ROCK BASE</u> - Approx. 8,000 tons		
	Delivered & spread on road	\$2.41	
	Placed in stockpile at		
	City yard	\$2.41	
	<u>CRUSHED ROCK &amp; SCREENINGS</u> - Approx. 10,000 tons		
Consolidated Rock Prods. Co.,	5500 tons, Lgr. #3 Crshd.		
2730 So. Alameda St.	Rock & Scrngs.	\$2.60	2.60
Los Angeles 54, Calif.			
Bidders' Bond of 10% of amount bid	2000 tons sm. #3 crshd.		
	rock & screenings	\$2.60	2.60
	2500 tons #5 crshd. rock		
	& scrngs.	\$2.95	2.95
	<u>CRUSHER RUN BASE</u> - Approx. 12,000 tons		
	Delivered & spread in road	\$2.50	
	Placed in stockpile at		
	City yard	\$2.50	
	<u>UNTREATED ROCK BASE</u> - Approx. 8,000 tons		
	Delivered & spread on road	\$2.50	
	Placed in stockpile at		
	City yard	\$2.50	

BIDDER & BOND:	Approx. Qty. & Item	Unit Price	
		Del'd. & Spread on road	Stockpiled at City Yard
Azusa Rock & Sand Co. Box 575, Azusa, Calif. Cashier's Check for \$7,687.50	<u>CRUSHED ROCK &amp; SCREENINGS</u> - Approx. 10,000 tons		
	5500 tons Lgr. #3 Crshd.		
	Rock & scrngs.	\$2.60	\$2.60
	2000 tons Small #3 crshd.		
	rock & scrngs.	\$2.60	\$2.60
	2500 tons #5 crshd. rock		
	& scrngs.	\$2.95	\$2.95
	<u>CRUSHER RUN BASE</u> - Approx. 12,000 tons		
	Delivered & spread on road	\$2.50	
	Placed in stockpile at City yard	\$2.50	
Livingston Rock & Gravel Co., Inc., 11382 E. Live Oak Ave., Arcadia, Calif. Bond for \$7,500.00	<u>CRUSHED ROCK &amp; SCREENINGS</u> - Approx. 10,000 tons		
	5500 tons Lge. #3crshd. Rock		
	& scrngs.	\$2.60	\$2.60
	2000 tons #3 crshd. rock		
	& scrngs.	\$2.60	\$2.60
	2500 tons crshd. rock &		
	scrngs.	\$2.95	\$2.95
	<u>CRUSHER RUN BASE</u> - Approx. 12,000 tons		
	Delivered & Sprd. on road	\$2.50	
	Placed in stockpile at City yard	\$2.50	
	<u>UNTREATED ROCK BASE</u> - Approx. 8,000 tons		
	Delivered & spread on road	\$2.41	
	Placed in Stockpile at City Yard	\$2.41	

Pacific Rock & Gravel Co.  
P. O. Box 778  
Arcadia, Calif.

NO BID

There were no objections, and these bids were all referred to the City Manager for analysis and recommendation.

#### HEARINGS:

The hearing on the Assessment for the South Torrance Sewer District No. 3 was opened at 8:30 P. M.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place fixed for the hearing of appeals from or objections to any act or determination of the Street Superintendent or Engineer, or the quality of work performed, or the legality of additions to or omissions from the contract or the correctness of the assessment or diagram.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the affidavits as to mailing, posting and also publication (twice) of the Notice of Hearing.

Councilman Benstead moved these be received and filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mayor Isen asked if any written protests had been filed, and Deputy City Clerk Whitacre reported that 4 protests and two appeals had been filed with him prior to the time set for the hearing, and the City Engineer then read in full all protests and the appeals, as filed by:

Norman W. Alschuler  
215 W. 7th St., Los Angeles,  
for

John Gannon, who owns 2059 W. 237th St., and  
B. J. Gannon, who resides at 2077 W. 237th St., Torrance;  
Frank R. Hollopeter, 2138 W. 238th St.;  
Nyle & Melba Lowrance, 23725 Eshelman Ave.;  
Gertrude & Robert R. Lucas, 2014 W. 237th St.;  
Thelma Russell, Parcels 22, 23, 24, 25, in Lots 8, 9, 10 in Tract 437;  
Ralph Bezanson, 2233 - 231st St.

The City Engineer had replied to each individual letter, as well as to letters of inquiry from:

Gordon J. Hatert, re E. 100' of Lot No. 9, Tr 1046; W. 65' of Lot 9 Tr 1046, Assesm/125; E 125' of Lot 10 Tr 1046 Assesm/126.  
M. I. Lebow, for Anna R. Lebow & Imperial Pipe & Supply Co., Lot 20, Tr 437, Assessment No. 27;  
Chas. T. Rippey, re Assesm/132-E 110' of W 275' of Lot 92 Tr 639.

The Mayor then asked if anyone present desired to be heard in this matter.

Mrs. E. Jacobs, attorney for Mr. & Mrs. Lebow and Imperial Pipe and Supply Co., protested that this would be confiscatory.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney for the status of oral protests, and the City Attorney replied that they are considered as a courtesy.

Councilman Drale moved to consider oral protests.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Jahn suggested they be considered as the meeting progresses, so the Council will be able to answer each individually.

Mrs. Glen Adams, Lot 437, Tr 66, protested that one more lateral than she needs had been installed and she had been charged for it.

Mayor Isen pointed out that the Council must follow the rules of the procedure for this.

The City Attorney said each could be considered individually.

Mayor Isen asked for a show of hands of those interested in this South Torrance Sewer District #3, and said he thought he saw about 25 hands raised.

Mayor Isen told the City Engineer that the letters for information only need not come to the Council, saying that only those letters of protest or appeal should come here. He asked if a tabulation sheet, showing the name and address of the person writing, the protest, and the City Engineer's recommendation in each case could not be given to the Council on this sort of thing in the future.

The City Engineer said if this were held over for about two weeks to a date and time certain, he could have a meeting with these people and work out the problems they think they have in the matter.

In response to a question from Councilman Jahn, the City Attorney replied that if the Council wished they could set a date after which no written protests would be received.

Councilman Jahn moved to continue this Hearing to Tuesday, August 5, 1958, at 5:30 P. M., saying it was the intent of his motion that in the meantime the City Engineer would have a meeting with the people who wish to register protests and prepare a written report to the City Council on the protests and his answers to them and present the report to the Council at that time; those who wish to do so may come at the time of the continued hearing to protest.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. The Mayor repeated his request that the report be in tabulation form.

Councilman Bradford said the Council should have the report before the meeting, saying a week would give the Councilmen time to study it.

Councilman Beasley moved the meeting be set up for July 29, 1958, at 5:00 P. M. in the Council Conference Room.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

The City Engineer suggested the meeting be held on Thursday, July 24, instead of the date set.

The Council agreed to this, with the meeting to be held in the Council Conference Room.

At 8:55 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, and the Council re-convened at 9:10 P. M.

Mayor Isen requested that Director of Public Works John Russell explain to the audience what the Council will consider during the Hearing on the 1919 Act Municipal Street Lighting District. He believed this would serve the people here about the Hearing in many ways. He said the Council would be considering the Lighting District, but nothing to do with standards.

Mr. Russell introduced Mr. Lawrence Thompson, who is the Engineer working for the City in this matter, saying he was an expert and would explain this and answer questions.

Mr. Thompson explained that the District includes both the installation of lighting standards and the maintenance and energy for the one lighting district. He said that where standards are to be installed, they will be paid for by assessments made on the people who will benefit from them, and the maintenance and energy are to be paid for by everyone in the districts who will benefit from the lighting.

Councilman Benstead asked how we could require the standards to be installed, and Mr. Lawrence said by petition. He explained there are petitions on file from all these people, comprising more than 60% of the residents in the various districts.

Mr. Lawrence said an assessment is included on the areas where we have concentrated lights now. In the many areas where we have intersection lighting only, there will be no assessments. He said in the areas where we have concentrated lighting, the assessment will run about five or six dollars per year for energy and maintenance; where there are new standards to be installed, the assessment will run about \$10 per year in addition to that. In the downtown area, the assessment will run about \$22.83 on a 50' lot, as they have the mercury lights which are very expensive.

Councilman Drale asked if we are assessing everyone.

Mr. Lawrence said wherever they have lights; as a rule, there are no lights in the industrial areas.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Hearing on 1919 Act Municipal Street Lighting District, Resolution No. 3484.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice of Improvement, and the Affidavit of Posting.

Councilman Drale moved these be received and filed.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mayor Isen asked if there were any written protests.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented a letter of protest from Andrew D. Browne, 3907 - 176th Court, and two petitions, all of which were read in full. One of the petitions had been circulated by Ruth H. Jacobs, 1820 Santa Fe Avenue, and the other by C. J. Aulick, 3318 W. 171st St., who attached a letter of protest to the petition of protest he had circulated.

Mr. Edward J. Greene, 3205 Onrado, had written a letter protesting the cost of the District, and a letter was read from the Walteria Civic Organization protesting against this.

Councilman Jahn asked if they have been paying for maintenance and electricity in the Walteria area, and the City Engineer said they have not.

The City Engineer explained that Mr. Andrew D. Browne was not in the lighting district, and Mr. Browne was present and said he knew that now, but had not when he wrote the letter.

Concerning the one petition the Deputy City Clerk presented from

the Kettler Knolls area, Mayor Isen thought those people might think they will have to help pay for installation of standards where they already have them, and explained that this is not the case.

A lady in the audience said they knew that; they are protesting the cost of energy and maintenance.

The lady who voiced this protest gave her name as Mrs. Leola Burgen.

The Deputy City Clerk read the letter which accompanied the petition from the North Torrance Area, which stated there were over 100 signatures on the petition.

The City Attorney asked Mr. Thompson if these constituted a majority of the land owners in the new zone, and Mr. Thompson said he would have to check.

The City Attorney informed the City Council that if a majority of land owners in a zone protest against the improvement, the Council must strike such zone from the district.

Mr. Thompson said there are 6174 lots in this one zone, which is a residential zone.

Councilman Jahn explained in detail the history of this lighting district to the audience, saying that the City can no longer afford to pay for the energy and maintenance of the lights. Under this method, the costs of the standards, energy, and maintenance would be fairly divided among those who will benefit. He explained that so many people want street lights that it would soon be impossible for the City to pay the energy and maintenance costs as in the past.

Councilman Drale did not agree with Councilman Jahn, but Mayor Isen said a majority of the Council did agree.

Councilman Drale explained that he believed the franchise fees the Edison Company pays the City would pay about a half of the cost of this, and protested that he felt this to be a double tax.

Councilman Benstead reminded the Council that a sum of about \$60,000 had been set up in the budget to pay for the maintenance of the lights, and if that were deleted he would vote for this. Otherwise, he would not and he felt this would be a double tax.

Councilman Jahn explained that the franchise fee paid by Edison is income to the City which is needed, and he did not believe it had anything to do with the lighting district.

Councilman Jahn said areas such as the Southwood area have been paying taxes which have helped pay for the costs of lighting now existing in the City and yet they do not have lights. They want them, and have a petition here properly signed asking for inclusion in a lighting district.

Councilman Jahn amplified his statement by saying that no matter what we do about this, the City is obligated to pay for the lighting of intersections throughout the city, which will be about 1/3 of the cost of the street lights.

Councilman Beasley said the people who have no lights are being unfairly taxed.

Mayor Isen explained that the franchise monies paid by Edison go into the general fund. In order to keep taxes down, we need this money.

The City Manager said only about 1/3 of the City will be lighted even after the lighting district is under way if it is passed. He said the people in the various districts decide whether or not they want lights under this plan, and if they do present a petition which serves the purpose, they can be included.

Mayor Isen referred to Mr. Green's statement that iron standards are to be installed, and asked if that was correct.

The City Manager said it is what most people want, and is the one most commonly used in the City.

Mayor Isen said he had built a house in central Torrance in 1937 and had enjoyed the benefits of lighting all this time; he said he would be glad to pay his share of these costs. He explained that the Council has made every effort to keep taxes down, and that if those



people who have mentioned their taxes in these letters would check, they would find that the tax increases have been made by the County and the School District, not by the City.

Councilman Drale felt the people should have street lights without this District. He reiterated his thought that this would be an additional tax.

All these matters were discussed in some detail by the Council.

Mrs. Boys, 16219 Casimir said they had put lights on the streets in their neighborhood, and they protest this change, which they feel would be a tax.

Pat McManus of 228th St. protested against the District, and said he knew of no other City which charges this fee.

The City Manager replied that Redondo Beach, Los Angeles, and many other cities in this area charge for this.

Mr. Smith, 17026 Atkinson, said the residents in his area put in street lights about 8 years ago. They had been told at that time by the City Manager that the City would pay for the energy and maintenance. He protested this change.

The City Manager explained that we have always told the people the City would pay this cost as long as possible, but said we cannot continue to pay the cost.

It was explained to Mr. Smith that areas with light standards would not be assessed for them, but only for the energy and maintenance of the lights.

Mr. Larry Lee, lighting consultant with the Edison Co., said their rates include a maintenance service for Edison-owned equipment. Those lights owned by them will be maintained by them, i.e., painting, replacing light globes, etc. He said underground systems do not have this maintenance furnished as part of the service because they are privately owned.

Mr. Lee Seclar of Southwood Homes asked the City Engineer if these poles would be Edison property if this passes, and the City Engineer said they would be whatever kind of poles the people signed for.

Mr. Seclar asked if Edison would maintain the poles, and the City Engineer said yes, if they own the poles.

Mr. Seclar asked how many zones there are, and Mr. Thompson said there are five in the City.

Mr. Seclar asked if those areas outside these zones would still have their lighting costs paid from the general fund, and Mr. Thompson said yes. He explained that wherever there is concentrated lighting in the City the area is included in one of these zones. The scattered lighting will still be taken care of by the City. He mentioned examples of this.

Mr. Thompson explained that the survey under which the District and these zones were set up was made as a joint project, with himself and Messrs. Bishop and Patrick cooperating in it.

Gene Pinsky of 15531 Via del Valle, spoke in support of the lighting district.

Mr. Haney of 4730 Highgrove asked what the 30% the city will still pay will cover, and Councilman Jahn said that in the main it would pay for intersection lighting.

C. J. Aulick spoke in protest, and supporting the letter he had filed with a petition.

Mr. Beals asked the price of the different lights, and Mr. Thompson told him.

Councilman Jahn moved the Hearing be closed.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Jahn moved to overrule all protests.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Deputy City Clerk Whatacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3512

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER DATED JUNE 17, 1958, PREPARED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE "STREET LIGHTING ACT OF 1919", AND REFERRED TO IN RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3484 OF SAID CITY COUNCIL, AND THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, ESTIMATE, DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT CONTAINED IN SAID REPORT; ORDERING THE WORK AND LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT FOR SERVICE NECESSARY TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND ILLUMINATE BY ELECTRIC ENERGY, THE STREET LIGHTS AS SHOWN ON SAID DIAGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS, COMMENCING NOVEMBER 1, 1958.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3512 with the following amendments:

in Section 1: That said City Council does hereby deny and overrule any and all protests and does hereby approve, etc., etc., and that the 3rd WHEREAS on Page 2 be changed to read:

WHEREAS, at said hearing certain protests and or objections were presented by, etc.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Councilman Drale said he is not against putting lights in those areas which want to get them, but he is voting against what he thinks is an additional tax.

Councilman Benstead agreed that the charges for energy and maintenance are a tax, and said that was why he had voted against this.

Councilman Jahn said he had voted for this because he felt the people want the lights and need them and are willing to pay for them. There will be so many that the City can no longer pay the costs.

Mayor Isen pointed out this whole procedure was begun many months ago as a service to our City, and that this will eliminate an unfair tax many people have had to pay because they helped pay for lights for other people and received no benefit themselves. The City needs the Edison franchise income for the general fund, and it is not earmarked.

At 10:19 P. M., Councilman Drale left the meeting.

At 10:20 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 10:30 P. M.

The City Manager recommended that on the bus insurance, we accept the bid of the Transit Casualty Co. for furnishing insurance for our bus lines, and accept the Minimum-Maximum plan. He stated he made that recommendation because he felt we would be negligent if we were not insured on a proper base for a major accident. If we accept the guaranteed cost insurance, based on the revenue for the coming year, the premium would be \$14,280; if we take the Minimum-Maximum plan, we will have an incentive to reduce the rate by reducing the losses. The standard rate would be \$12,000, a minimum rate of \$10,200, and the maximum rate would be \$14,400, which is only \$120 a year above the guaranteed cost.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager that we accept the bid of the Transit Casualty Co. for furnishing insurance for our bus lines, and accept the Minimum-Maximum plan, and that all other bids be rejected.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.



Councilman Benstead asked if this were a higher premium than we paid last year, and the City Manager replied it would be about \$2400 more.

Councilman Bradford asked if this plan would mean that if our experience warrants it the rate would come down, and the City Manager said it does, but added that we should not expect that.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager if he and the Bus Superintendent, Marshall Chamberlain, would make a survey to determine whether we should raise the fares on our lines and give a report to the Council. In view of the rising costs of operation, Mayor Isen thought this might serve a useful purpose.

The City Manager said they would be glad to do so.

Councilman Jahn moved that the Deputy City Clerk assign the proper number to each Resolution and Ordinance here tonight and read the titles, and that further reading of any be dispensed with.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

3. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3501

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF, AND RUBBISH, REFUSE AND DIRT UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Hearing on Resolution No. 3501, and asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

Mr. Andrew D. Browne, 3907 - 176th Court, asked if this would empower the City to insist that people keep their front yards clear of weeds.

Mayor Isen suggested that Mr. Browne contact Mr. Rogers, Administrative Assistant, to discuss this.

Mr. Browne said he has a neighbor whose front yard is so overgrown with weeds it is a nuisance, and he asked to have it posted.

He was told to contact Mr. Rogers, and the City Attorney said that eventually this program will cover such instances.

No one else wished to be heard, and Councilman Jahn moved to close the Hearing.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3513

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CARBOHAD CORPORATION, INC., AND THEIR EMPLOYEES TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 3501.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3513.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3514

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CARBOHAD CORPORATION, INC., AND THEIR EMPLOYEES TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 3496.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 3514.  
Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3515

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CARBOHAD CORPORATION, INC., AND THEIR EMPLOYEES TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 3499.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3515.  
Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A petition bearing 62 signatures of Torrance residents requested a law requiring adequate fencing around swimming pools in the City.

Councilman Jahn moved to refer this to the City Attorney.

City Attorney Remelmeyer reported that this has been under consideration at Staff, and that the Bldg. Supt. and Director of Public Works have been making investigation.

Mayor Isen asked Building Superintendent Schlens and the City Attorney to give the Council a written report on this next week.

2. A July 14, 1958, letter from Chanslor-Western Oil & Development Co., Midway Division, 203 Santa Fe Bldg., 121 E. 6th Street, Los Angeles, was signed by C. E. Doherty, Vice President. This contained a request that the City cooperate with them in the drainage of the industrial property north of Maricopa and between Maple and Crenshaw.

Mayor Isen reported he had discussed this with the President of the Planning Commission who had said there were certain streets which could be omitted so they would not need this help.

The City Manager thought this was a public works matter, and said he did not know where we would get the money to help.

Councilman Benstead said this would not follow our policy in any event.

The City Manager said in some instances, if the developer bought the pipe we would furnish the labor; however, we do not have the money to help with this and we might as well face that. He agreed that to help would not actually follow policy.

Mayor Isen directed the City Manager to write to these people and explain this.

The City Manager said at a later date it might be that we could work out a project under which we could use their drain for the benefit of the entire area, and if we did we might work out something with them.

Councilman Benstead recalled that it has been our policy to allow a developer to dedicate such improvements as drains and sewers to the City when they have been completed, and we maintain them.

3. A July 8, 1958, letter from the City of Bakersfield, signed by Frank Sullivan, Mayor, concerned the Federal Urban Funds. They have prepared a Resolution on this matter, and a copy was enclosed. Mayor Sullivan requested that our City consider acceptance of a similar Resolution.

There were no objections, and this was referred to the City Attorney for a report to the Council.

4. In a letter dated July 17, 1958, S. E. Robinson, Office Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, contained their request to hang three-color quarter cards on the trees along Torrance Blvd. east of the Civic Center.

Mayor Isen reported that they had requested this be withdrawn, and as there were no objections, it was so ordered.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. In a letter dated July 16, 1958, re "Negotiation vs Bidding", the City Manager reported that on several occasions during the past several years the question of continuing a contract by negotiation or by calling for bids has arisen. It is difficult to determine which method is most favorable to the City, the City Manager said, and he gave a number of examples to illustrate his statement.

The City Manager's conclusion was that "The above results are not conclusive, but would seem to indicate that where it is possible to continue an agreement at an existing figure during a period when costs are rising in general, it would be favorable to the City to negotiate the continuation of an agreement. On the other hand if there is a substantial increase in cost for no clearly defined reason, it would be best to advertise for new bids."

There were no objections and this was ordered filed.

Mayor Isen commented to the City Manager that he thought the conclusion stated was an excellent one.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT MANAGER:

1. An undated letter from Jack Egan, Airport Manager, submitted for Council consideration a bi-monthly newsletter he proposes to issue for the Torrance Airport. The letter asked for an expression from the Council containing their comments and suggestions. A copy of the proposed newsletter, "Terminal Topics" was submitted with the letter.

The Council was in agreement with the proposal from Mr. Egan, and Mayor Isen congratulated him on his initiative.

#### ENGINEERING MATTERS:

A lady in the audience asked about the request for fencing of swimming pools, and was told of the action taken by the Council. She was told she might contact the Bldg. Supt. or the City Attorney on this if she wished to do so.

1. A July 17, 1958, letter from J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, concerned the improvement of Hawthorne Blvd. from Sepulveda to Carson Street. The letter contained the Engineering Department's recommendation that Contractors' Asphalt Sales Co., low bidder, be awarded the bid on the basis of the bids opened by the Council at the meeting of June 24, 1958. A summary of bids was attached to Mr. Patrick's letter.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of Mr. Patrick, and that all other bids be rejected.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.  
Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3516

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR  
AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT  
BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND CONTRACT-  
ORS ASPHALT SALES CO.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3516.  
Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by  
roll call vote of those present.

2. A July 17, 1958, letter from John R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engineer, concerned the "Aid to Cities Gasoline Tax Funds, the Dominguez Channel - Widening of Bridges." The Council had approved an agreement for the widening of bridges along the Dominguez Channel at Western Avenue and Gramercy at their meeting of July 15. The resolution asking the County Board of Supervisors for the money for our participation in this, with the money to come from our allotment of County Gasoline Tax Funds, was attached to the letter.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3517

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF "AID  
TO CITIES" GASOLINE TAX FUNDS FOR STREET IMPROVE-  
MENTS.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3517.  
Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll  
call vote of those present.

3. A July 17, 1958, letter from City Engineer R. W. Bishop, contained a recommendation of approval of the specifications for the improvement of Dominguez Channel construction, Denker Ave. to Gramercy Place. Mr. Bishop submitted a copy of a letter from the Flood Control District dated July 14, 1958, with his letter.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer to approve these specifications.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried unanimously  
by roll call vote of those present.

4. The City Engineer reported to the Council that he had made an investigation of the drainage at Vista Montana. He said there is a temporary condition in the area of water standing in low spots, but that this is a temporary condition. Storm drains are under construction now and he did not believe there would be any further trouble.

Councilman Beasley asked if the drains in the area had been cleaned out, and the City Engineer understood that they had been.

A man from the audience said drainage from that area has been standing in Newton Street.

Councilman Beasley said no new water was running there, and that he believed the condition would improve.

The City Engineer said the water was from a previous overflow and would probably dry up.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3518

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF, AND RUBBISH, REFUSE AND DIRT UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3518. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

2. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3519

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS NOMINEE TO OPEN BIDS SUBMITTED TO THE CITY FOR CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES AND SALES OF PROPERTY.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3519. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

3. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3520

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN ROAD EASEMENT FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR THE WIDENING OF 182ND STREET EAST OF YUKON IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3520. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

4. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3521

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN ROAD EASEMENT FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FOR THE WIDENING OF CRENSHAW NORTH OF 177TH STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3521. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

5. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3522

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE EASEMENTS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OTHER RIGHTS RESERVED AND EXCEPTED FROM THE VACATION OF HUBER STREET IN RESOLUTION NO. 2071 AND ORDINANCE NO. 528 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, BEING A PART OF TRACT NO. 5944 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME FOR THE HEARING THEREON AND FOR NOTICE THEREOF.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3522.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCES:

1. A July 17, 1958, letter from City Clerk Bartlett submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 994, which had been unanimously approved by those present at its first reading on July 15, with Councilman Benstead absent.

Mayor Isen pointed out how cheaply this ordinance and its intent could be contravened by outsiders; he said no minimums are shown. He thinks this would open the door to outsiders. He said the man who distributed the circulars for Sears said they were delivered to the door, but just today a circular was thrown on his own front porch. He felt we would make a mistake by having less than a \$50 minimum fee for any but local people who want to deliver handbills. Mayor Isen moved to amend Section 16.67.1 by striking the first portion and making the license fee minim \$50, with the rest of this to be the same but with no fee to be charged to the local merchants.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that this was the second reading of the ordinance, and asked if it would be proper to amend this now.

The City Attorney said no.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer this to the City Attorney to re-draft with this change.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, who asked if this could be amended and this be the first reading of the ordinance as amended.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre, License Inspector for the City, said he would like to know the Council's policy in case a local merchant employed a large outside distributing firm to handle the matter of distribution of handbills for them. Should they be charged this fee of \$50? He thought this should be clearly defined, and asked the ordinance go to the City Attorney for this.

There were no objections, and this ordinance was referred back to the City Attorney to be rewritten.

Mayor Isen withdrew his motion on the ordinance, and Councilman Beasley withdrew his second to that motion.

2. With a letter dated July 17, 1958, City Clerk Bartlett submitted to the Council for its second reading Ordinance No. 996, which was unanimously adopted by those present at the time of its first reading before the Council on July 15, with Councilman Benstead absent.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 996

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING A LICENSE FEE FOR THE COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION OR DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE, REFUSE OR RUBBISH, PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR THE GRANTING OF SUCH LICENSE AND THE OPERATIONS OF SUCH LICENSEES.



Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 996 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Mr. Albert Avoian of Redondo Beach told the Council he believed the \$300 license fee was for a 12-ton truck, which is a very large rubbish truck. He asked the reason for this.

The City Attorney replied that this is Council policy.

Mr. Avoian said he has a rubbish truck which is a very heavy one, and it is only about half that size. He felt the fees set here are pointless in this case.

Councilman Jahn explained that this was set to avoid having a 'transfer' truck in the area.

Mr. Avoian suggested the \$300 fee be set on a 15,000 pound truck as he believed this would be more fair.

Mr. Avoian protested the section which requires that a list of customers be furnished to the City by private rubbish collectors. He asked the reason for this requirement.

Councilman Jahn said the City has a rubbish service, and if a list of the customers of a private collector is furnished to the City, it prevents them being charged for service they do not get.

Mayor Isen believed this Ordinance dealt quite fairly with the private collector.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present, (Blount and Drale absent).

2. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 997

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 716 RELATING TO BUILDING IN THE "WALTERIA LAKE PROPERTY" AREA.

The City Attorney reported this was here because a petition for a variance had come in, asking to build on the property described in the Ordinance; in order for this to be granted, it would be necessary to amend the Ordinance No. 716. He stated this is not a recommendation to the Council to do this, nor is it a recommendation against the action.

Mayor Isen asked the City Engineer if this takes care of, but does not add to, any flood conditions.

The City Engineer replied the fill was already there before we had a grading ordinance, and this will probably help the situation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 997 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount and Drale absent).

3. With a cover letter dated July 17, 1958, the City Attorney submitted a proposed Ordinance re the Civil Service Commission, pursuant to a motion of the Council at their June 17 meeting.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 998

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 8.11 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION, SELECTION, ELIGIBILITY AND TERM OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW (ALSO KNOWN AS THE PERSONNEL BOARD AND AS THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION) AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR A TERM OF OFFICE OF FOUR YEARS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW, FOR THEIR SELECTION BY THE MAYOR WITH THE CONSENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR REMOVAL BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COUNCIL.



Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 998 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Bradford asked if the men now serving on the Commission would finish their terms.

Mayor Isen thought this would apply to all present Commissioners. He explained that the Civil Service Ordinance was planned in about 1928. This Ordinance being presented now makes the term of service on the Civil Service Commission 4 years, as are the terms of the Councilmen and he could see no use in having 6-year terms for the people who serve on that Commission as established in 1928.

Councilman Bradford did not agree, saying he thought the 6-year term might serve a very good purpose.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The City Manager told the Council he would like to take two weeks of his vacation during the first two weeks of August.

There were no objections, and the Council unanimously approved the request.

The City Engineer presented a thought on the grading ordinance and the bond required under it. In some instances, he said the bond is very expensive. If a grading contractor hires a qualified soil engineer and gives him full control and the conditions meet the approval of the Engineering Department, the City Engineer thought it might be possible to eliminate the bond under proper conditions.

Mayor Isen feared we might encounter another such problem as we have on Porto Bello in such a case.

Councilman Jahn said if such a bond was to be waived as outlined by the City Engineer, it would be after we were assured that the contractor had fulfilled all his duties. In the Porto Bello matter, the soil engineer was hired for only one purpose, which did not cover the point at hand.

Mayor Isen thought both the owner of the property and the soil engineer should be bonded.

This was discussed at some length, with Councilman Jahn believing that the City Engineer should have the option of waiving the bond under certain specified conditions as concerns the owner of the land.

Councilman Beasley agreed this could constitute a double burden.

City Engineer Bishop said he had always considered this a double burden. He said the County has reduced their fees, if a job is entirely supervised by a qualified engineer. They still require a bond, however. He questioned whether we could get performance without a bond, and said he may need to research this more. He felt the idea had possibilities, and said he would like to discuss it with the Attorney.

The City Attorney said he was not familiar with this at all.

Councilman Jahn explained that every soil engineer is covered by the laws of the State, and the reputation of each of them is of great value. If such an engineer should give the City Engineer assurance in writing that he assumed responsibility for a job, and not live up to that assurance, Councilman Jahn believed the loss to that man would be great.

Mayor Isen felt this should be studied by the City Attorney, and asked to refer this to him for a report within the next couple of weeks.

Councilman Jahn knew there would be many technicalities, but he felt the intent of this should be followed by the City Attorney.

Councilman Jahn moved to follow this principle, and that the City Engineer and City Attorney follow up on this, and this was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

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Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Jahn. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale.

The City Attorney said he would like permission from the Council to hire Mr. Martin on the Jump 'N Jack and Kita condemnations. He estimated that the Jump 'N Jack matter Mr. Martin's fee would be about \$50 for the appraisal, and his fee for the appraisal of the Kita land would be about \$900.00.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this request.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale.

The City Attorney reported that the invoice from Woolley & Woolley should be paid, and that payment had been approved last week.

Councilman Jahn moved to pay the \$250 invoice from Boris Wooley which the Council has approved.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale.

The City Attorney said that for the Dominguez litigation, it is necessary that people living in Southwest Park appear at the Hearing. He said he would need authority to pay mileage of about 8¢ per mile, parking fees not to exceed \$1.50 per day, and, if necessary in some cases, the cost of baby sitters not to exceed \$1 per hour and possible bus transportation to and from the court.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur with this request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

The City Attorney presented copies of the Wilson lease for study.

Mayor Isen said this had taken a great deal of time.

The City Attorney said great care had to be taken with the entire matter.

Councilman Beasley brought up the number of firecracker stands in the City, and questioned whether there were not too many in the City.

License Inspector Whitacre said 14 licenses had been issued, and the reports in so far indicate that they had profitable operations. He explained that financial reports on these are required by the City.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Whitacre to give the Council a breakdown on this and a report when all the material is in.

Councilman Beasley said he had noticed much paper and debris about the grounds when some of the stands were taken down.

Mr. Whitacre said this was the Fire Department's jurisdiction and they followed up on the stands in each case.

Councilman Benstead said there is still a fireworks sign at the corner of Crenshaw and Carson, and it should come down. The stand at that corner has been removed.

Mr. Whitacre was directed to check into this.

Councilman Bradford asked that the City Manager check into the leadmen's pay rates in the Street and Park Depts. to see if the rates could be brought closer together, and if they could be adjusted to allow for the difference in pay between the senior maintenance men and the lead man in the Park Department.

Councilman Bradford referred to the fact that the Police Dept. has been allowed to hire 5 policemen and a policewoman for the next year, or six men; he asked if it may be possible to allow them the 13 persons they originally requested, saying they need the personnel.

Councilman Bradford went on to say that they have been doing a wonderful job. He referred this to the City Manager to see what can be done about this, saying many of our police personnel spend their own time doing City work without being paid for it, and he did not think this was right.

Mayor Isen said it would be checked.

Councilman Benstead said personnel working more than the hours required are supposed to be paid time and a half, and he questioned whether the police worked extra time without pay.

Asst. Chief Porter said this is true; the personnel in that Department put in lots of time for which they do not claim their pay.

Councilman Benstead felt that every Department in the City is undermanned at present.

Councilman Bradford commented on the fact that when the Miss Universe Parade was televised on Sunday, Torrance was represented by a group from the Recreation Dept., and he felt that Mr. Van Bellehem should be congratulated for this.

Councilman Jahn gave the City Manager a newspaper clipping showing various assessed valuations in the County; according to the clipping, the incorporated areas in the County are assessed at seven billion dollars and the unincorporated areas at one billion. He pointed out that when it comes to getting things we need we cannot get the money from the County; the County is at present doing a lot of building in County areas which are not incorporated. He felt this situation should be made more equitable.

Councilman Jahn said he had noted in the paper today that the County's Charter Study Committee had made several recommendations, giving 11 to the Board of Supervisors, who took issue with them. One of the recommendations was that the Board of Supervisors should be increased to 11 members and that other changes should be made as well. He named some of the recommendations, and asked the City Attorney if he would try to get that news release and prepare a resolution for the next Council meeting so we could consider sending these recommendations to the Board of Supervisors so they could take steps to put those on the ballot to change the Charter.

Mayor Isen said we have done a lot of work with them already.

Mayor Isen asked if we have the money for the improvement of Lomita Boulevard.

The City Manager said it has been allocated, but we have to request it. We must start work within 60 days when we get that money but he thinks we are getting under way now. He believed we would apply for the money next Tuesday and go to bid so we can put the street through this fall.

Mayor Isen referred to a statement he had made last week about prospective nominees to fill the two vacancies on the Airport Commission, and said he would now make the nominations and ask for concurrence from the Council.

Mayor Isen nominated Robert C. Herrick to serve another term on the Airport Commission, and this was unanimously approved by the Councilmen present.

Mayor Isen then nominated Richard E. Floyd of 4010 W. 184th Street to fill the other vacancy on the Airport Commission.

Councilman Bradford said there had been a meeting which he attended last night with that Commission, and he asked if Mr. Floyd had any experience in aircraft or airfield operation. Councilman Bradford thought the Commission needs people who are familiar with airport activity.

Mayor Isen felt common sense and business judgement more important.

Mr. Floyd was present, and said he was a manufacturer's representative, and had no familiarity with aircraft or airfield operation. He felt this was a business proposition with a need for business knowledge. He did not believe that assembling planes would qualify a person for the job.

Councilman Bradford explained that he had referred to airport control experience, and Mr. Floyd said he had not had any.

The appointment was ratified by those Councilmen present with the exception of Councilman Bradford, who voted against this.

Councilman Beasley noted that Redondo Beach is making an effort to secure a Superior Court, and said we should not relax our own attempts to get such a Court here.

Mayor Isen said he and the City Attorney and City Manager were to go to see about this next Thursday at 7:30 P. M. in Inglewood. If other members of the City Council want to go along, they would be very welcome.

Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of  
Torrance, California

By Gale Whitacre  
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Isen  
Mayor of the City of Torrance